

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

ELI LILLY AND COMPANY,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Civil Action No. 2:07-cv-3770 (DMC)
)	(JAD)
ACTAVIS ELIZABETH LLC, GLENMARK)	
PHARMACEUTICALS INC. USA, SUN)	
PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LIMITED,)	
SANDOZ INC., MYLAN)	
PHARMACEUTICALS INC., APOTEX INC.,)	
AUROBINDO PHARMA LTD., TEVA)	
PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC., SYNTHON)	
LABORATORIES, INC., ZYDUS)	
PHARMACEUTICALS, USA, INC.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SEAL

THIS MATTER having come before the Court upon the motion of Plaintiff Eli Lilly and Company (“Lilly”) pursuant to Local Civil Rule 5.3(c) to seal Lilly’s Memorandum of Law in Support of Eli Lilly and Company’s Motion for Entry of Judgment, and the attached Declaration of Rebecca Morison, and the Court having considered the written submissions of the parties, and the Court having determined that this action involves allegations regarding the disclosure of confidential and proprietary information, and for other and good cause having been shown:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The materials in Lilly’s Memorandum of Law in Support of Eli Lilly and Company’s Motion for Entry of Judgment and the attached Declaration of Rebecca Morison that Lilly seeks to seal contain information designated by Lilly as either “CONFIDENTIAL -

SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER” or “CONFIDENTIAL SUBJECT TO DISCOVERY CONFIDENTIALITY ORDER” under the Amended Discovery Confidentiality Order entered in this matter on August 6, 2008.

2. This is a complex pharmaceutical patent infringement action. As such, a significant portion of the materials exchanged in discovery, and subsequently filed with the Court in connection with pretrial proceedings, contain proprietary and confidential research, development, and business information of the parties.
3. By designating their material as “CONFIDENTIAL” under the Amended Discovery Confidentiality Order entered in this matter on August 6, 2008, Lilly represented that the subject information is trade secret or other confidential or proprietary research, development, commercial, or financial information within the meaning of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c).
4. Lilly represented that public disclosure of its own confidential information would be detrimental to its business. Due to the nature of the materials described herein, there is no less restrictive alternative to filing under seal Lilly’s Memorandum and accompanying Declaration of Rebecca Morison.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. Upon consideration of the papers submitted in support of the motion and the materials that Lilly has designated “CONFIDENTIAL” for which Lilly is required to seek to have the Court seal, the Court concludes that Lilly has met its burden of proving, under L. Civ. R. 5.3 and applicable case law, that the materials described above should be filed under seal. Specifically, the Court concludes that: (a) the materials contain confidential information concerning Lilly’s business; (b) Lilly has a legitimate interest in maintaining

the confidentiality of the materials in order to protect its disclosure to potential competitors who can use the materials and the information contained therein for commercial purposes; (c) public disclosure of the materials would result in clearly defined and serious injury, including the use of the materials by competitors to Lilly's financial detriment; and (d) no less restrictive alternative to sealing the subject documents is available.

6. The foregoing conclusions are supported by relevant case law holding that the right of public access to the court filings is not absolute and may be overcome by a showing such as made here in the discretion of the trial court. *See Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns, Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 603 (1978). The Court, upon such a proper showing, may in its discretion prevent confidential materials from being transmuted into materials presumptively subject to public access. *Gambale v. Deutsche Bank AG*, 377 F.3d 133, 143 n.8 (2d Cir. 2004).

BASED UPON the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is:

ORDERED that Lilly's Motion to Seal is hereby GRANTED; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following material is sealed:

- a. Certain portions of Lilly's Memorandum and attached Declaration of Rebecca Morison.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of May, 2012



Hon. Joseph A. Dickson
United States Magistrate Judge